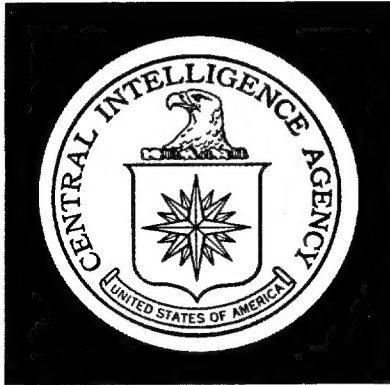




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Kenya: The country remains relatively calm as the police continue their search for the murderer of Tom Mboya.

Mboya's fellow Luo tribesmen are bitter over his death and connect it with their continuing political struggle with Kenya's largest tribe, the Kikuyu. The few incidents of violence that have been reported have been Luo attacks on individual Kikuyus.

The police have few clues to the murderer. Mboya had enemies who could have staged the assassination. The most likely suspects, however, are a group of advisers around President Kenyatta, generally called the Kikuyu Establishment. These men would stand to lose power and affluence if a non-Kikuyu succeeded Kenyatta, and they have felt threatened by Mboya's growing stature and popularity.

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This same group is thought to have ordered the assassination in 1965 of P.G. Pinto, the principal political adviser of leftist leader Oginga Odinga, whose political fortunes have since steadily declined.

Whether the Kikuyu Establishment killed Mboya or not, they are the main beneficiaries of the new situation. Mboya's death should assure that the aging Kenyatta is succeeded by Vice President Daniel arap Moi, who though not a Kikuyu is compliant to the Establishment wishes.

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Finland: The liberal leadership of the Finnish Communist Party seems to be yielding to some of the conservatives' demands as a price for party unity.

Despite their victory at the party congress in April, the liberals have been unable to bring all district party organizations under firm control. Conservatives have been organizing parallel party organizations throughout the country and refusing to pay dues and other income to the central party office.

The dispute may be resolved in August when negotiators from the two factions will try to reach agreement on such issues as the party's position on the government's economic stabilization program and representation of the conservatives in party councils. There are some signs that the liberals will, in effect, concede that conservatives' criticism of the party's position on the government's economic policies has been partly justified. In addition, there is a possibility that the conservative demand for increased representation on the party central committee will be met.

The Soviets, in line with their policy of trying to prevent a split in the party, are continuing to exert pressure for compromise on both factions. There is speculation that the pressure exerted on party chairman Saarinen during his visit to Moscow for the World Communist Conference may have influenced the liberals to take a more conciliatory position.

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